

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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| Application No. | 10/045,572 |
| Filing Date | October 23, 2001 |
| First-Named Inventor | White et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 3632 |
| Examiner Name | Tan Le |
| Attorney Docket No | 205071 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000); 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other: Information Disclosure Statement previously filed on June 24, 2003 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark on June 27, 2003, per enclosed copy of return stamped postcard.
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Form PTO-1449
 - v. Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449
 - vi. Copy of return stamped postcard with PTO stamp having been received on June 27, 2003.
 - vii. Copy of European Search Report
 - viii. Communication of Reasons Concerning Refiling of the Application

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
- c. Other:

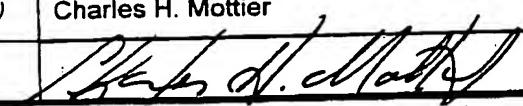
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The following fees are enclosed:
 - i. RCE fee of \$750.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$750.00
 - ii. One-month extension of time fee of \$110.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) \$0.00
 - iii. Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$0.00
 - iv. Other: \$0.00

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$750.00

- b. Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
- c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216
- d. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Signature |  | | |
| | Date | September 25, 2003 | |

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RE: COPY OF RCE FILED 9/26/03
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Pursuant to the message that I received today, it is my understanding that the RCE that we hand carried to the PTO on September 26, 2003 is not with the subject application. Accordingly, we are transmitting herewith a copy of filing which includes a copy of the stamp-dated filing receipt evidencing its receipt in the PTO on September 26, 2003.

We are trying to get this paper matched with the file and processed as soon as possible. Any thing you can do to help us speed up this process or get the file to the location that is currently going to handle the RCE would be greatly appreciated.

If you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Christina

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Re:

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Serial No.:

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October 23, 2001

TITLE:

"Retainer Clip For Mounting Sink to Counter Top"

Receipt is acknowledged on the date stamped of the following items:

- 1) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal dated September 25, 2003 (1 page)
- 1) Communication of Reasons Concerning Refiling of the Application (2 pages)
- 2) Copy of Information Disclosure Statement including Certificate of Mailing on June 24, 2003 and copy of Postal Card Stamp Dated Receipt Evidencing this filing on June 27, 2003 from PTO. (5 pages)
- 3) Copy of Communication including International Search Report (3 pages)
- 4) Copy of 5 References